



Envision Arlington Fiscal Resources Task Group
Meeting Minutes
7:30 PM 3/22/24
Town Hall Annex First Floor

ATTENDEES: Gordon Jamieson (Co-Chair), Brian Hasbrouck, David Garborino, Pete Howard (Secretary)

1. The Candidates Forum will be 3/27/24. Gordon, who is running for Assessor, will speak.
2. Primer: Joan Roman will do the updates suggested by the Deputy Town Manager. This is the latest FRTG effort that has been “institutionalized”. Others include The State of the Town Address by the Select Board, My Tax Dollars by the Town Manager’s office, Replacement of water meters and quarterly billing by Town/DPW, Reorganization of the order of the Warrant so zoning articles are not first by the Select Board office.
3. Leadership Interviews: We reviewed and edited a suggested outline (Ref 1) for the Town Manager to use when he asks his department heads to provide a description of themselves and their responsibilities. We anticipate that Joan Roman will edit as needed & post on the website.
4. Warrant: Gordon walked us through the Warrant for the annual Town Meeting (copies provided and available on the website). There was discussion and recollections on some of the 66 articles including one resolution.
5. Next meeting 4/21/24 in Town Hall Annex 1st floor conference room.

Ref 1

A few years ago, the Fiscal Resources Task Group of Envision Arlington (FRTG) undertook a new project. We interviewed leaders in the Town government using a standard list of questions. We recorded the answers and then edited the recording. The resulting Town Leadership Index is still available on the Town's website for anyone to read, especially for new residents who wish to be informed. Unfortunately, most of these leadership positions now have new people making the Leadership Index obsolete. Maintaining the index is too big a task for the FRTG. The Town Manager has expressed interest in updating and maintain the Index using Town resources. Towards this end, the FRTG offers this outline for each Index entry. Our preference would be brief and pithy statements.

Name, title
Office location/Conact information
Background and accomplishments
General Responsibilities
Seasonal Challenges
Objectives (Long-term vision)
Family/Personal
Interests, hobbies